

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Rose M Miller

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 2/23/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1 and 2 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach and/or suggest a head expander for vibrational table comprising, in combination with the other recited elements, a table surface with one end of each edge surface having a curved side and a trumpet body with a plurality of cambered surfaces downwards reduced from the curved side of the table edge.

The closest prior art is that of **Turner (GB 2 211 268 A)** and **Ankrom et al. (US 6,257,067 B1)**. **Turner** teaches the use of a "trumpet" shaped head expander with a plurality of mounting holes formed on the table surface of the expander. **Turner** also teaches the curved ends of the table edges in order to mate the surfaces of the table of the expander with the trumpet shaped sides of the expander. However, the "trumpet" body of **Turner** has a frustoconical shape with straight sides instead of the cambered surfaces claimed in the instant invention. **Ankrom et al.** teaches that it is known in a head expander to provide through holes in the side of the head expander in order to be able access the inside of the head expander. However, neither of the above or any of the other recited prior art references provides for or teaches the use of the cambered surfaces of the head expander, as it is easier to build and fabricate a head expander if straight edges and pieces are utilized.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Farmer (US 3,369,393) discloses a multiple element fabricated test fixture with via holes in the table edges in order to vent gases from the internal space of the test fixture.

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Martin (US 4,633,716) teaches the use of a frustoconical shape for the shaker head expander.

Butts (US 4,715,229) discloses an apparatus for vibration testing with a head expander clamped from the side.

Marshall (US 5,277,066) discloses a vibration test fixture with a pyramid shape.

Liu (US 5,650,569) discloses a skewed, multi-axis vibration fixture.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rose M Miller whose telephone number is 571-272-2199. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hezron Williams can be reached on 571-272-2208. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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